

straight waveguide section 20 14 connects the feed port 10 to the port 16 when in a second position, and is also therefore dissimilar in shape to the bent waveguide section 20. That is, the two waveguide sections 14 and 20 must be dissimilar in shape for connecting the feed port 10 to respective output ports 16 and 22. Additionally, while the preferred form has only two sections 14 and 20, additional sections could be added, so that there is at least a plurality of the dissimilar waveguide with respective sections and output ports.

On page 14 line 7 change "signals 24 and 18" to "respective signals 18 and 24".

The port 10 is designated generally as an input port, and, the ports 22 and 16 are designated generally as output ports, but, ports 16 and 22 may transceive respective signals 18 and 24 and ~~18~~ to and from the port 10 as the feed signal 12. The signal 12 is generally designated as an input signal having a plurality of component signals, such as signals 24 and 18, having differing orthogonal polarization states, such as linear or circular polarization states, left hand circular or right hand circular polarization states, and linear horizontal or linear vertical polarization states. The signal separation and isolation by desired polarization states are realized by polarization sensitive probes 19 and 25 and waveguide switch selection at the respective straight and bent switch positions.

1 On page 15 line 13 change "12" to "18".

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3 To change positions from a bent waveguide position to and  
4 from a straight waveguide position, the selectable waveguide  
5 has a rotating selector knob 28 or other mechanical means for  
6 rotating a rotating element 30 supporting the bent waveguide  
7 section 20 and straight waveguide section 14 on a stationary  
8 housing 32. The selectable waveguide preferably uses the  
9 rotating element 30 in the stationary housing 32 to change  
10 positions for respectively communicating signals 18 or 24. As  
11 preferably designated, the selectable waveguide uses the bent  
12 waveguide 20 to communicate linearly polarized signals 24 and  
13 uses the straight waveguide 14 to preferably communicate  
14 circularly polarized signals 18. The bent waveguide section 20  
15 and the straight waveguide section 14 can have either a square  
16 or circular cross section and sized for the frequencies of  
17 interest. The manually actuated rotating knob 28 is rotated to  
18 connect either the bent waveguide 20 or the straight waveguide  
19 14 between the antenna feed port 10 and either of the linear  
20 port 22 or the circular port 16, respectively. Hence, the bent  
21 waveguide section 20 preferably communicates a linearly  
22 polarized signal 24 as feed signal 12 between the linearly  
23 polarized port 22 and the antenna feed port 10, and, the  
24 straight waveguide section 14 preferably communicates circular  
25 polarized signals ~~12~~ 18 as feed signal 12 between the  
26 circularly polarized port 16 and the antenna feed port ~~12~~ 10.  
27 Hence, the rotating knob 28 only has two positions, the first  
28 position connecting the linear port 22 to the antenna feed port

1 10 for linearly polarized signal communication as shown in  
2 Figure 2, and the second position connecting the circular port  
3 16 to the antenna feed port 10 for circularly polarized signal  
4 communication as shown in Figure 1.

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6 On page 15 line 23, insert "respectively" before "separate".

7 On page 15 line 27, change "22" to "16".  
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9       The polarization sensitive probes 19 and 25 are preferably  
10 used to respectively separate by polarization states the two  
11 orthogonal polarized signals 18 and 24. The linear port 22 may  
12 communicate two independent signals separated by orthogonal  
13 polarization states, such as, linear horizontal and linear  
14 vertical polarization states. Likewise, the circular port 22  
15 16 may communicate two independent signals separated by  
16 orthogonal polarization states, such as, left hand and right  
17 hand circular polarization signals. Each of the probes 19 or  
18 25 are preferably responsive to a predetermined polarization  
19 state and as such are used to isolate and separate two  
20 independent orthogonally polarized component signals.  
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1 On page 16 line 11 delete "waveguide".  
2 On page 16 line 11 insert "of the waveguide" after "20".  
3 On page 16 line 12 change "remains" to "remain".  
4 On page 16 line 18 change "ports 22 and 16" to "respective  
5 ports 16 and 22".

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7 By rotating the rotating element for waveguide section  
8 alignment, the probes 19 and 25 are thereby rotated into a  
9 position for receiving or transmitting one of the plurality of  
10 differing polarized signals, thereby perfecting a polarization  
11 state selection. The waveguide cross sections 14 and 20 of the  
12 waveguide remain[[s]] unaltered from the antenna feed port 10  
13 to either of the linear port 22 and the circular port 16. The  
14 cross section areas of the waveguide sections 14 and 20 remain  
15 fixed within the selectable waveguide. Because the waveguide  
16 cross section remains unchanged, no mechanism exists for  
17 polarization modifications from antenna feed port 10 through  
18 the waveguide sections 14 and 20 to the respective ports 16 and  
19 22 and 16. Consequently, the waveguide does not degrade  
20 polarization isolation. The waveguide cross sections 14 and 20  
21 may be square and in this case the signals are propagated on  
22 TE01 and TE10 waveguide modes. The waveguide cross section can  
23 also be circular and the signals 18 and 24 are propagated on  
24 orthogonal TE11 waveguide modes. Hence, the waveguide cross  
25 section of the sections 14 and 20 is preferably preserved  
26 throughout the rotating member 30.

1 On page 17 line 5 change "19 or 25" to "25 or 19".

2 On page 17 line 19 change "24" to "18".

3 On page 17 line 24 change "24" to "25".

4 On page 17 line 24 change "18" to "24".

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6 The waveguide section selection, and hence polarization  
7 state selection, by rotating the knob 28, may be by  
8 conventional mechanical means to route the feed signals 12 to  
9 one of port 22 and 16 to thereby place a respective  
10 polarization sensitive probe 25 or 19 ~~ex-25~~ in the path of feed  
11 signal 12. Like conventional waveguide baseball switches, the  
12 rotation can be manually performed or accomplished by using a  
13 motor drive that can be remotely controlled. However, the  
14 waveguide section selection knob 28 has the improved features  
15 of offering polarization state selection using dissimilar  
16 waveguide sections 14 and 20 and using respective dissimilar  
17 polarization state sensitive probes 19 and 25. The rotating  
18 knob 28 is used to both select one waveguide section 14 or 20,  
19 and to simultaneously select the one of the two respective  
20 probes 19 and 25 to perfect polarization state selection. The  
21 first switch selection position selects the straight waveguide  
22 section 14 and probe 19 to connect the antenna feed port 10 to  
23 the circular port 16, and to select the polarization sensitive  
24 probe 19 communicating signal 24 18 of one polarization state  
25 as shown in Figure 1. The second switch selection position is  
26 obtained by rotating the knob one hundred and eighty degrees to  
27 select the bent waveguide section 20 of the selectable  
28 waveguide to connect the antenna feed port 10 to the linear

1 port 22, and to select the probe 24 25 communicating signal 18  
2 24 having a differing polarization state as shown in Figure 2.  
3 Hence, the knob 28 is in effect a polarization state selection  
4 knob 28 to select one of a plurality of orthogonally polarized  
5 signals without coupling energy between the signals that would  
6 otherwise degrade the signal separation.

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8 On page 18 line 18 change "22" to "20".  
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10 The losses in dual polarized signal communication through  
11 the selectable waveguide result from the losses within the  
12 waveguide sections 14 and 22 20 which losses are very small.  
13 The losses in the waveguide sections 14 and 20 are less than  
14 the insertion losses associated with conventional hybrid  
15 networks. Thus, signal reception and transmission for the  
16 present invention are more efficient. The waveguide sections  
17 14 and 20 are preferably used to select one of the two  
18 orthogonally polarized signals by virtue of the polarization  
19 sensitivity of the probes 19 and 25, but can also be used to  
20 select signals 18 and 24 of differing frequencies.

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1 On page 19 line 20 delete "18".

2 On page 19 line 21 insert "18" after "signals".

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4 Referring to Figures 3a, a modified selectable waveguide  
5 39 may be used for both polarization state and frequency  
6 selection of the feed signal 12 communicated to the antenna  
7 feed 13. The input port 10 receives from the antenna 13 the  
8 polarized signal 12 and communicates the signal 12 through  
9 either of the waveguide sections 14 and 20 depending on which  
10 of the sections 14 or 20 is in alignment with the input port  
11 10. The modified selectable waveguide section 40 can be used in  
12 applications where multiple frequency operation is required.  
13 The waveguide 39 is initially sized to communicate signals  
14 within desired frequency bands. The modified selectable  
15 waveguide 39 includes a modified bent waveguide section 40  
16 having an extended straight portion 42 and a frequency  
17 selective reflective surface 44. The extended portion 42 is  
18 aligned to the port 16 when the bent waveguide section 40 is  
19 aligned to port 22 when the modified selectable waveguide 39 is  
20 switched to the bent position. The frequency selective  
21 reflective surface 44 is used to reflect signals 24 of one  
22 frequency, such as low frequency signals, to the port 22, and  
23 to pass signals ~~18~~ of another frequency, such as high frequency  
24 signals 18, to the port 16. The probes 19 and 25 can then be  
25 used to select signals of differing polarization states, and by  
26 virtue of the frequency sensitive reflective surface 44,  
27 concurrently select signals of differing frequencies.

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1 On page 20 insert "The feed 13 communicates signal 12 through  
2 port 10 and straight waveguide section 14, but not through  
3 reflective surface 44 of the bent waveguide section 40 not  
4 being selected." before "As such".

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6 Referring to Figure 3b, the modified selectable waveguide  
7 39 is attached to a coupler 46 having a left hand port 48  
8 communicating left hand port signal 47 to a left hand probe 49,  
9 and, having a right hand port 50 communicating right hand port  
10 signals 51 to a right hand probe 53. The feed 13 communicates  
11 signal 12 through port 10 and straight waveguide section 14,  
12 but not through reflective surface 44 of the bent waveguide  
13 section 40 not being selected. As such, the probes 53 and 49  
14 are used to isolate orthogonally polarized signals, such as  
15 right hand circular and left hand circular polarized signals.  
16 It should be apparent that the coupler 46 functions as a  
17 splitter providing two outputs, and that the coupler 46 and  
18 probes 49 and 53 could, as well, be attached to port 22 for  
19 respectively communicating horizontal linear and vertical  
20 linear orthogonally polarized signals 24. The coupler 46 has a  
21 taper port 52 for attenuating low frequency component signals  
22 and passing high frequency component signals 54 to the probe  
23 19. The input port 10 receives from the antenna 13 the  
24 polarized signal 12 and communicates the signal 12 through  
25 either of the waveguide sections 14 and 40 depending on which  
26 of the sections 14 or 40 is in alignment with the input port  
27 10. The waveguide section 40 has an extended straight portion  
28 42 and a frequency selective reflective surface 44 that is a



1 forty five degree reflective surface used to reflect signals 24  
2 of one frequency, such as low frequency signals, to the port 22  
3 and to pass signals 18 of another frequency, such as high  
4 frequency signals, to port 16. The probes 19 and 25 can then be  
5 used to select signals of differing polarization states and by  
6 virtue of the frequency sensitive reflective surface 44,  
7 concurrently select signals of differing frequencies. Hence,  
8 the modified selectable waveguide 39 can be modified to include  
9 means that provide frequency selection while the probes 25 and  
10 19 can be used to select desired polarization states to isolate  
11 signals of interest. It should now be equally apparent, that  
12 the selectable waveguide of Figures 1 and 2, and or the  
13 modified selectable waveguide 39 of Figures 3a and 3b, can be  
14 used in combination with various probes, couplers and tapers to  
15 isolate signal of desired polarization states and frequencies.  
16 Further still, the selectable waveguide of Figures 1 and 2, and  
17 or the modified selectable waveguide 39 of Figures 3a and 3b,  
18 can be cascaded and used in combination with various probes,  
19 couplers and tapers to isolate many different signals of  
20 respective desired polarization states and frequencies.

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1 On page 22 line 22, change "25ab" to "25a and 25b".

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3 In the straight position, the waveguide dimension is  
4 chosen to permit propagation of all system frequencies. The  
5 straight position is preferably used for communicating  
6 circularly polarized signals at the lower frequencies. All of  
7 the signals propagate unmodified through the straight waveguide  
8 sections 14a and 14b. At the output circular port 16a of the  
9 modified selectable waveguide 39a, the coupler 46a is used to  
10 separate the lowest frequency signals into ports 48a and 50a.  
11 The port 48a can be used for left hand polarized signals, and  
12 the port 50a can be used for selecting right hand polarized  
13 signals in the lowest frequency band. The coupler 46a is  
14 transparent to the higher frequencies. The design of such  
15 couplers is well known and commonly used. The waveguide taper  
16 52a follows the coupler 46a so that the waveguide size is  
17 reduced permitting propagation of signals of all frequencies  
18 except the lowest frequency signals. The second modified  
19 selectable waveguide 39b has smaller dimensions and follows the  
20 taper port 52a. The selectable waveguide 39a is transparent to  
21 frequency bands above the lowest frequencies. The coupling of  
22 the lower frequency band to ports 22a and 22b is enabled in the  
23 bent positions. The miter bends have frequency selection  
24 surfaces 44a and 44b in place of a conducting surface 26 used  
25 by the single frequency selectable waveguide switch design.  
26 These frequency selective miter surfaces 44a and 44b reflect  
27 the lowest frequency signals 24a and 24b into the linearly  
28 polarized ports 22a and 22b for connection to respective probes

1 25a[[b]] and 25b. The frequency selective miter surfaces 44a  
2 and 44b are transparent to higher frequencies so that the  
3 higher frequency signals 54a can be communicated through the  
4 cascaded arrangement at the higher frequencies.

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8 On page 23 line 8 change "53ab" to "53a and 53b".

9 On page 23 line 20 change "36a" to "46a".  
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11 Each of the modified selectable waveguides 39a and 39b,  
12 respectively includes ports 16a and 16b, 22a and 22b, 48a and  
13 48b, and 50a and 50b, tapers 52a and 52b, straight waveguide  
14 sections 14a and 14b, and bent waveguide sections 40a and 40b.  
15 Waveguide 39a has the feed port 10a receiving the feed signal  
16 12 and provides the output signal 54a that is fed into the feed  
17 port 10b of waveguide 39b to provide the output signal 54b to  
18 probe 19. Probes 25a and 25b respectively communicating  
19 signals 24a and 24b, probes 49a and 49b respectively  
20 communicating signals 47a and 47b, probes 53a[[b]] and 53b  
21 respectively communicating signals 51a and 51b, and probe 19  
22 communicating signal 54b, all of which can be used for  
23 selecting signals of differing frequencies and polarization  
24 states. The input port 10a receives from the antenna 13 the  
25 polarized signal 12 and communicates the signal 12 through  
26 either of the waveguide sections 14a and 40a depending on which  
27 of the sections 14a or 40a of waveguide 39a is in alignment  
28 with the input port 10a. The bent section 40a includes a forty

1 five degree reflective surface 44a that is used to reflect  
2 signals 24a of one frequency, such as low frequency signals, to  
3 the port 22a and to pass signals 54a of another frequency, such  
4 as high frequency signals, through the port 16a, through  
5 coupler 36a 46a and through to port 52a as communication  
6 signals 54a. The input port 10b of waveguide 39b receives  
7 signals 54a from the waveguide 39a and communicates the signal  
8 54a through either of the waveguide sections 14b and 40b  
9 depending on which of the sections 14b or 40b of waveguide 39b  
10 is in alignment with the input port 10b. The bent section 40b  
11 includes a forty five degree reflective surface 44b that is  
12 used to reflect signals 24b of one frequency, such as low  
13 frequency signals, to the port 22b and to pass signals 54b of  
14 another frequency, such as high frequency signals, through port  
15 16b, through coupler 46b and through port 52b to the probe 19.

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17 On page 24 line 11 change "miter bend" to "the miter bend".

18 On page 24 line 17 change "50b" to "50a".

19 On page 24 line 22 change "52" to "52b".  
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21 The cascaded arrangement places the low frequency band  
22 modified selectable waveguide 39a closest to the antenna feed  
23 port 10a and the antenna feed 13, whereas the high frequency  
24 band modified selectable waveguide 39b may be used to  
25 communicate signals in a high frequency band. In the polarized  
26 selectable waveguide 39a closest to the antenna feed 13, a  
27 modification can be made to the miter bend. In single  
28 frequency designs, the miter bend 44a consists of a conducting

1 surface 26. In the multiple frequency design, the conducting  
2 miter surface 26 is replaced by a frequency selective surface  
3 44a capable of reflecting the lowest frequency components and  
4 passing the higher frequency components. The coupler 46a  
5 passes only low frequency signals to ports 48a and 50b 50a.  
6 The coupler 46b passes only high frequency signals to the ports  
7 48b and 50b. Another frequency selective surface 44b can be  
8 used to prevent mode conversion and signal loss for the higher  
9 frequency components. The frequency selective surfaces 44a and  
10 44b and taper ports 52a and 52b can be used for low, high,  
11 higher frequency band isolation.

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13 On page 24 line 27 change "50b" to "51b".

14 On page 25 line 1 change "25a" to "24a".

15 On page 25 line 1 insert "through section 42a" before "high".

16 On page 25 line 4 change "25b" to "24b".

17 On page 25 line 7 change "25a" to "24a".

18 On page 25 line 7 insert "through section 42a" before "high".

19 On page 25 line 7 change "25b" to "24b".

20 On page 25 line 8 insert "through section 42b" before "higher".

21 On page 25 line 8 change "50b" to "51b".

22 On page 25 line 19 insert "54b" after "signals".

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24 In the straight-straight position, the arrangement passes  
25 low frequency signals 47a and 51a, passes through section 42a  
26 high frequency signals 54a, 47b and 50b 51b, and passes higher  
27 frequency signals 54b. In the bent-straight position, the  
28 arrangement passes low frequency signals 25a 24a, passes high

1 frequency signals 54a, 47b and 50b, and passes higher frequency  
2 signals 54b. In the straight-bent position, the arrangement  
3 passes low frequency signals 47a and 51a, passes through  
4 section 42a high frequency signals 54a, ~~25b~~ 24b, 47b and 51b,  
5 and passes higher frequency signals 54b. In the bent-bent  
6 position, the arrangement passes low frequency signals ~~25a~~ 24a,  
7 passes high frequency signals 54a and 25b, and passes through  
8 section 42b higher frequency signals 47b, ~~50b~~ 51b, and 54b.  
9 Preferably, the port 22a communicates low frequency linearly  
10 polarized signals 24a to probe 25a, port 48a communicates low  
11 frequency left hand circularly polarized signals 47a to probe  
12 49a, port 50a communicates low frequency right hand circularly  
13 polarized signals 51a to probe 53a, port 52a communicates high  
14 frequency signals to port 10b, port 22b communicates high  
15 frequency linearly polarized signals 24b to probe 25b, port 48b  
16 communicates high frequency left hand circularly polarized  
17 signals 47b to probe 49b, port 50b communicates high frequency  
18 right hand circularly polarized signals 51b to probe 53b, and  
19 port 52b communicates higher frequency signals 54b to probe 19.

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